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SUBJECT: PEOPLE'S TEMPLE--SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

1. GEORGETOWN'S LEADING DAILY, THE GUYANA CHRONICLE  
CARRIED A NEWS ITEM IN ITS ISSUE OF FEBRUARY 9 REPORTING  
THAT LT. GOV. DYMALLY OF CALIFORNIA WOULD BE VISITING GUYANA  
AS A PERSONAL GUEST OF BISHOP JIM JONES OF THE PEOPLE'S  
TEMPLE.

2. IN THE BODY OF THE ARTICLE, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS  
MADE REGARDING THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE AGRICULTURAL PROJECT: "THE  
LT. GOVERNOR WILL FLY DIRECTLY TO JONESTOWN...WHERE HE  
WILL HOLD TALKS WITH BISHOP JONES AND TOUR THE AGRICULTURAL  
PROJECT GIVING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE JONES MEDICAL CLINIC  
WHICH SERVES THE ENTIRE NORTHWEST REGION."

3. THE GUYANA CHRONICLE OF FEB. 16 CARRIES THE FOLLOWING  
LETTER TO THE EDITOR ENTITLED "SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT"  
AND SIGNED BY H. DESMOND HOYTE, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATIVES:

QUOTE CDE. EDITOR,  
IN YOUR ISSUE OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1978, UNDER  
AN ARTICLE BEARING THE CAPTION "LT. GOV. DYMALLY DUE  
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TODAY," YOU REFERRED TO A "JONESTOWN MEDICAL CENTRE WHICH  
SERVES THE ENTIRE NORTH WEST REGION."

AS MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
I HAVE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THE FACT THAT WHETHER  
OR NOT THERE IS A "JONESTOWN MEDICAL CENTRE" IT IS  
WHOLLY INACCURATE TO ALLEGE THAT IT SERVES THE ENTIRE  
NORTH WEST REGION.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS HOSPITALS AT MABARUMA AND MATTHRES  
RIDGE AND HEALTH CARE IS DELIVERED TO RESIDENTS IN THE  
RIVERAIN AND OUTLYING AREAS THROUGH A SYSTEM OF A TRAVEL-  
ING DISPENSER SUPPORTED BY OTHER PARA-MEDICAL PERSONNEL.

ADDITIONALLY, THE PARAMEDICS OF THE PEOPLE'S ARMY  
PERSONNEL SUPPLEMENT THE WORK OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CIVILIAN  
MEDICAL PERSONNEL IN THE NORTH WEST REGION BY PROVIDING  
MEDICAL ATTENTION TO CITIZENS AS A ROUTINE FEATURE OF  
THE ARMY'S ACTIVITIES.

I HOPE THAT IN FUTURE YOU WILL REFRAIN FROM PUBLISHING  
IN AN UNCRITICAL WAY EVERY HAND-OUT GIVEN TO YOU BY PERSONS  
WHO MAY HAVE THEIR OWN PURPOSES TO SERVE. YOURS CO-  
OPERATIVELY,

/S/H.D. HOYTE, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC  
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